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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

Arab leaders return from Rabat with reports on the summit. (Page 1)

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Pakistan [redacted]

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Moscow. (Page 3) [redacted]

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ARAB STATES

[REDACTED] the ill-fated summit conference in Rabat emphasizes how fundamental the differences are between radical and conservative Arab regimes. The leaders of the conservative Arab countries, especially King Faysal of Saudi Arabia, were bitterly attacked for their failure to provide additional funds to the radical states.

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[REDACTED]
Egypt's Nasir, at least in his public statements, has played down the differences and claimed the conference had its positive aspects. He did not elaborate, however.

An open break between the radical leaders and the conservatives seems unlikely. For one thing, Nasir and the other radicals remain dependent on Kuwait and Saudi Arabia for financial support of their military adventures.

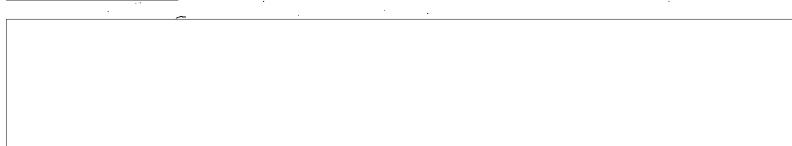
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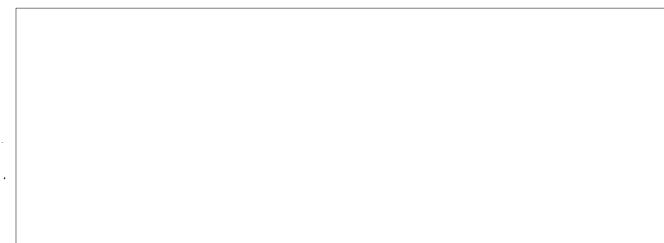


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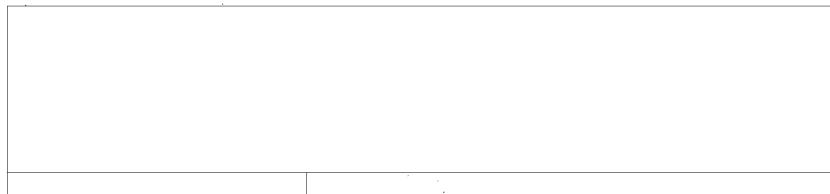
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NOTES

Philippines: [redacted]

[redacted] a demonstration against Vice President Agnew, planned for 29 December at the Manila airport, probably will be limited to about 120 participants. The main reasons for the small turnout, according to a spokesman of the pro-Communist youth group organizing the affair, are lack of funds and the dispersal of students because of school vacations. Another demonstration, scheduled for 30 December during the inauguration ceremony, is not aimed specifically at the Vice President. Local police authorities have been alerted to take all necessary steps.

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Israel-Egypt: Israeli pounding of the Egyptian side of the Suez Canal, which has gone on almost daily for four months, reached a climax Thursday with an air operation lasting eight and a half hours. [redacted] the Thursday assault destroyed SA-2 sites that the Egyptians have been trying to rebuild after earlier strikes. It was followed on Friday by a three-and-a-half hour attack on targets near the southern end of the canal. All this suggests an increased Israeli effort to "educate" the Egyptians.

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